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## AMES-NEVADA

Ames won another victory when we defeated Nevada 35-21. The teams were quite evenly matched but the superior guarding of Scovel kept Nevada from scoring. Elliot led his team-mates by netting five field goals. Bennett, Innes and Souvain played a great game of teamwork, working the ball down thru their opponents many times, but they failed to hit the ring. The game was fast thruout and created a hot contest between the rooters of Nevada and Ames.

We sure will have to give it to the backers of old A. H. S. that attended the game. The helped a great deal in winning the game by "Fight—Ames—Fight" and it sure put the fight in the fellows.

### Lineup and summary'

Ames	Nevada
Bennett	R. F.
Souvain	L. F.
Innes	C.
Elliot	R. G.
Scovel	L. G.

Armstrong Berka Shaw Finnic Jensen

### Field goals—

Ames—Elliot 5, Bennett 4, Innes 4, Sauvain.

Nevada—Berka 2, Shaw 3, Armstrong.

### Free throws—

Ames—Sauvain 5, Innes 2.

Nevada—Armstrong 1, Berka 2, Shaw 2.

## JUNIOR-SOPHOMORE CONTEST

What we want for this last literary issue of the Spirit is a real live contest, full of competition. A grandfather's story. What all doesn't that suggest? Can't you just hear him telling his favorite one? "When Bill and I went hunting, that time—" or "When I courted Sall—" or "One time, at a huskin' bee—." Oh there are numberless things here; funny, melancholy, sad or jolly.

The Juniors and Sophomores will compete this time. Stories must be in by March 1st. And for the best story from the competitors, the biggest pennant yet!

## COMING! COMING! COMING!

What promises to be the best ever in Ames High Annuals is on the way. A big, fine, hundred page annual made of the finest paper and just full of cute and beautiful pictures jokes of all sizes, shapes and colors, and pep, pep, pep just boarded the train for Ames. She, the Spirit Annual wears a new feature in a bunch of daring snapshots, sports and a review of the year's news.

Some of the advance agents are already in town and working to beat the former issues. Dorothy Harriman is scouting for senior write-ups, Donald Finch is smelling out jokes, Earl Johnson is helping the Sophs win high school championships and the team win games, Irene Sogard is loosing sleep in trying to find a senior to write a story or poem that will make a hit, and Gilberta is gaining a "rep" in asking for all the soldiers' pictures, and snap shots and drawings for the annual.

Printers, engravers, photographers all say to the business manager, "You'll have to pay a little more on account of the old war!" but the annual writes him not to get the same habit, and he hasn't got it yet. He says the price will probably be fifty cents to all except subscribers who will get a twenty percent reduction.

## LITERARY SOCIETY

The Senior attack on the Juniors proved successful. The debating squad routed the Juniors and took fifteen sectors. In the extemporaneous attack the parties broke even each taking five. The Seniors fell behind when several members were court martialed, but managed to go "over the top" for a victory.

## "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN"

Ames High appreciates the assemblies it has recently been entertained by, and wishes to congratulate all those taking a part therein.

Signed and witnessed before,  
MARIAN SMITH,  
Notifier of the Public.

## Soph Champions in Basketball

The Sophomores beat the Seniors by a large margin of 24 to 4. This game gave the Sophomores the title of champions in class basketball. The Seniors won the first game to the tune of 40-14 and the Sophomores won second game by 19-16. In the final game the Sophomores were victorious. Elliott and Thornburg were the chief point gainers for the Sophomores. Inness gained the four points for the fourth year men. The game was hard fought, but from the very start the Seniors were "all out of luck." Many shots were made but failed to go thru the ring.

### Summary and lineup:

Sophs.	Seniors
Thornburg	c.
Bennett	r. f.
Cornelliussen	l. f.
Elliott	r. g.
Scovel	l. g.

Field goals: Sophs, Elliott 5, Thornburg 3, Cornelliussen 2, Bennett 2; Seniors. Inness 2.

## Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. has not advertised itself a great deal of late but in spite of this fact it has been far from inactive. About two weeks ago an election was held for president as our former president, Ina Reins, finished High School last semester. Lillie Roberson was elected to fill the vacancy and is already at work.

At the present time the organization is working very hard in the interest of the girls who entered high school last semester. For this purpose a meeting was held in the study hall Feb. 21. As many of the new girls as possible were personally invited to attend the meeting, and address full of interest was given by Miss Ott, the college Y. W. Secretary. We hope that with the help of these freshman girls we may succeed in arousing more interest and enthusiasm.

Senior—Say, have you a minute to spare?

Freshie—Yes.

Senior—Tell me all you know.

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**EDITORIAL**

Is Ames having a slump?

For a while it looked as if Ames was going to be a banner high school in class pep, "Y" Pledges, Red Cross membership, Red Cross Work, Y. M. and Y. W. work. But now class pep seems to be weaker than it was, some of the "Y" Pledges seem to be "scraps of paper," we have one hundred per cent Red Cros pledged but not paid up, and the Y. M. work has shrunk to a dozen boys. It's a bad sign to have spring fever before Spring is really here. We might be called lazy.

Let's pep up! Nobody has ever had a chance to call Ames a quitter yet, are we going to be the first ones to show the yellow streak? Don't we show the yellow streak when we are afraid (call it something else if you want to, but you can't change the looks of it) to dig out the money we have pledged, to boost your class, the Red Cross or the "Y" so hard that it has to be better?

Ask yourself, "Is Ames High having a slump?" and then answer it in a way so that no one else will think of asking you if Ames High is having a slump.

**A CHALLENGE**

By "HI Y"

Every Ames High boy cannot go to war but every boy, every day has a chance to show how much nerve he has. Every boy cannot play on the basket ball team, or on the teams, even though they all want to, but every boy, prep or senior has a chance to show whether his backbone is made of iron or soft, runny, yellow paint.

How much nerve does it take to swear when "everybody's doing it?" How much nerve does it take to smoke when all the gang smokes? To lose a little money shooting "craps" when the gang pats you on the back, either with their hands or eyes, and calls you "a good sport?" To shoot a paper wad in such a sneaky way that the teacher cannot, or does not want to catch you at it? How much grit does it take to act and talk "tough" when all the other "toughs" you go with are bluffs too. Are these boys showing nerve, grit, back-bone, or are they just drifting along and letting somebody else run

them, as though they were babies, not men?

But, how much nerve does it take to buck the crowd, tell those that swear that they are only showing their own weakness by not cutting out such a habit, to go with a gang that smokes, and not smoke yourself; to cut out "craps" and tell the gang that they are only playing a game begun by a bunch of weak-kneed, hollow-eyed drug fiends, to forget about the paper wads that hit you while in school, and to call the bluff of one of these "tough kids?" Does it take real nerve or not? Which boy comes nearest to being like Gotch, Caddock, Wagner or Baker?

The challenge of the Hi Y is to live clean, and it takes more than a weakling to accept this challenge. "Hi Y" challenges every boy in the high school to come out tonight, and every or any other Wednesday night and learn how to meet the devil and pin his shoulders to the mat.

**WAKE UP BOYS!**

In France: Four "Sammies" are staggering back from the front lines toward the rest billets. Suffering from exhaustion and hunger they are about ready to give up. But they learn from a squad of re-enforcements that there is a "Y" hut just about one-half mile away. They determine to reach that shanty and make a final effort. After stumbling along for a long time they reach this haven of rest. But to their despair it is closed. The disappointment is too great, they give up, and die right there on the "Y" door step. But,

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**"NEWS"**

The Girls Gym Classes last Friday were taught by College girls.

Beatrice Olson had a week's vacation because her sister had the measles.

Ardeth Martin of Belle Plaine is visiting with Helen Nesbit.

A crowd of High School boys entertained their girls at the home of LeRoy Aplin last Thursday night.

The boys and girls of the Congregational Sunday Schoor enjoyed a George and Martha Washington Basket social last Saturday night.

Georgina Kirkham is very much better but will not be back in school this year.

Marie Judge was in Boone Saturday.

Helen Sherman, who has been ill, is again in school, but only for a week or two as her parents have taken a large farm near Sleepy Eye, Minn., and are intending to move there soon.

Romana Reins, Beatrice Olson, Josephine Wilkinson and Edith Wallis attended the Slater-Ames basket ball game.

Dorothy Beam is working mornings at I. S. C.

The taffy pull that Miss Coskery's seventh period English class gave for the third period class was a big success. A big bunch was there and every one had a good time pulling taffy and playing games.

#### **GEN. MEASLES (measles general) IN SCHOOL**

Gen. Measles has asked the following people to report for daily work-outs: Miss Miller, Miss Coskery, Bob Potter, Marie Judge, Eleanor Murray, Jeanette Beyers, Loraine Caul, Leatha Seymour, Gilberta Luke, Myrle Garretson Eva Hoffman, Neva Spense, Marie Mortenson, and Clarence Bolton.

For additional names see the Red Bulletin Board. Gen. Measles says he is just itching to get more students. "An de measles'll getcha ef you don watch out."

**HOW MANY MINDS RUN**

Marvin Sogard in Civics: A Secretary shall be elected and he shall arrange for dates every Friday night.

Letha Fish in English: I don't see how you could play with dice without gambling.

Miss Mills: I have.

Beatrice in English enumerating the sports mentioned in Goldsmith's 'Deserted Village' "Gambling" (Gambling)

## *Stratford Suits for Spring*

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**STUDENT OPINION**

Recently the high school has been the scene of much confusion—fourth of July celebrations and paper wad battles. The members of the faculty, Mr. Steffy specially, have gently and kindly remonstrated with us against this disorder. They deserve our support in this measure. Let us all boost for a united loyalty and spirit of cooperation; it is within the power of the Ames High Student body to either make or destroy the reputation of the school.

W. G.

**Seniors Win Second****Class Championship**

The Seniors won from the Sophomores by the score of 22-8 making them champions of the second teams. Hubbard was the only one of the Sophomores that was able to score

and he netted eight points for his team. Johnson and Beach lead in basket shooting for the Senior-seconds. The Sophomore put up a good scrap but failed to overcome the lead of the Senior team.

Sophomore seconds beat Junior seconds by the score of 10-6.

Freshmen seconds wallop Junior seconds 39-6.

Elizabeth Batman spent the weekend in Nevada.

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What about it girls?

Last Saturday afternoon there was only one girl at the college work room; ? down town; and Monday night only thirteen girls felt the responsibility of the great demand for surgical dressings. Then—are we doing our best? No! You are not until you come.

**Varsity Basket Ball**

The varsity have lost two games to Boone, the first by a score of 11-7 the second 21-6. They have won two games, one from Toledo with a score of 42-10, and one from the Alumni, score 22-14, making a total of 77 points to their opponents 56. This shows that the team, though three are new men, have the ability to play the game.

The following schedule is yet to be played:

Algona at Algona ----- March 1  
Tournament ----- March 8-9  
Nevada at Ames ----- March 15

Some hard games are yet to be played, and the team needs your backing, "Backing of the Orange and the Black."

**PLEASE!**

Of course we can't publish any more letters from the boys in the army camps and in France, since the government says, 'no' but still we are interested in hearing about them. Won't you who are getting letters from the boys divide up a little, and give to the "Spirit" a few of those little personal items which are of so much interest to the rest of the school? It is just little things a-

bout the boys we want, the kind that can be run in with the "news."

Don't be selfish any more, but tell the News Editor or the reporters about it and then we all can enjoy it.

**MOVING PICTURES FOR****THE HIGH SCHOOL**

The committee of Fathers and Sons appointed to consider buying a picture machine for the High School met last Friday evening. It was decided that we are to have a first-class machine or none at all. The machine and equipment will cost quite a sum, but if everyone helps it will be easily obtained.

The pictures to be shown will in-

clude educational, travel and amusement films, and will probably be selected by a faculty board.

Picture machines at East and West High of Des Moines are a great success. West High has a moving picture camera and makes its own films. Football and basketball games out of town are shown at home in moving pictures.

**Sophs Win From Slater**

The Champions entered the Slater territory last Friday and showed the big town how to play basketball. The final score being 24-18. The Big Town Band also played. Ask those who witnessed the fight in the bull ring.

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